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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Hiroaki OBARA
FAULT TOLERANT COMPUTER, AND DISK MANAGEMENT
MECHANISM AND DISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THEREOF
Assignee: NEC CORPORATION
Our Ref. Q77205

22278 U.S. PTO
10/652030
09/02/03

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 24 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>15</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u></u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>3</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u></u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$750.00</u>

TOTAL FILING FEE	<u>\$750.00</u>
Recordation of Assignment	<u>\$40.00</u>
TOTAL FEE	<u>\$790.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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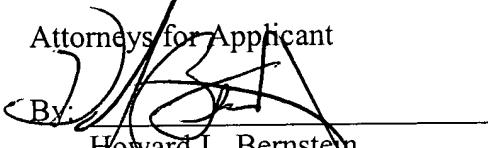
<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-252461	August 30, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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